

Remarks

Claims 1-77 are pending. The specification is amended on page 1 to supply a priority claim, as was noted on the transmittal form for the original application as submitted February 2, 1999. No claims have been amended. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the personal interview held on May 30, 2001. As noted by the Examiner in the Interview Summary prepared by the Examiner, enablement rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, were discussed, agreement was reached, and it was not necessary for Applicants to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview. Applicants thus believe the rejections raised by the Examiner in the Office Action dated January 3, 2001, have been addressed.

It is believed the claims are now in condition for allowance. Favorable action is earnestly solicited. If for any reason the Examiner has any question or would require further information, he is encouraged to contact the Applicant's representative at the number presented below.

Respectfully submitted,



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